

Washington
Wednesday

My dearest Mary,

Thanks to your dear Mothers letter I received your news this morning – As I did not receive the letter last night I sent around to your fathers [sic] rooms & received pretty nearly the same sad intelligence from him, from the time of your mothers letter of Monday I had hoped that it was only a little transient indisposition & was not at all alarmed & I still hope that it will prove to be nothing more & that in a few days you will be bright & well again as ever – poor Mr. Forde’s lecture will have been dearly paid for. You must thank your good kind mother over & over for writing & informing me of your health & tell her I beg of her to continue it whilst you are unwell if it be only one line to say how you are getting along. Thank you darling for your little postscript as it shows me that you are not very sick & makes me think that you will soon be the same sun-beam in the house again.

We had a very large tho’ not too large & very pleasant reception last night. I could not enjoy it myself for my thoughts were always wandering back to your bed of pain.

I have to take the ladies tonight to Gov Floyds [sic] reception & to-morrow night to a party tho’ I feel like anything else but gaiety – such is the miserable sort of life I am compelled by my position to lead. I wrote to you yesterday & hope you received it.

Goodbye Darling do not worry about me for I am sure you will soon be well, so take the best of care of yourself & wish your mother’s good I have no fear

Goodbye from your
affectionate
JBH

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